

District I Advisory Board Minutes

July 11, 2016

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The District I Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Atwater Neighborhood Resource Center located at 2755 E. 19th St. N., Wichita, KS, 67214. Seven board members, eight staff and four members of the public were present.

Members Present

Lavonta Williams
Prisca Barnes
Dan Heflin
Brandon Johnson
James Roseboro
James Thompson
Bill Wynne

Staff Present

Lt. G. Johnson, WFD
J. Brown, WFD
Officer A. Tapia, WPD
Officer D. Watson, WPD
Anne Ethen, Wichita Public Library
Kameelah Alexander, Office of Community Services
Karen Sublett, City Manager's Office
Elizabeth Goltry, Finance

Members Absent

Twila Chaloupek
Beverly Domitrovic
Brandon James
Aaron Mayes
Janet Wilson (leave of absence)

Guests

Listed on last page

Order of Business

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda

Motion by Roseboro/Wynne, carried 6:0.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve July minutes submitted. **Motion by Roseboro/Barnes, carried 6:0.**

Public Agenda

Scheduled Items

James Roseboro provided a NUSA 42ND Annual Conference Overview: 719 people attended from 29 states and two countries, workshop tracks were shared, the 43rd conference will be held in Nebraska. The City of Wichita is a member of NUSA. WIN, Inc. was a finalist for Best Neighborhood Program Award: Category-Social Revitalization/Neighborhoodness

Off Agenda Items

Moment of Silence for violence across the country/world

Staff Reports

Fire Report

Lt. G. Johnson, Station 10, shared that in June there were four fires in District I (2-Accident, 1-Arson, 1-Under Investigation). Citizens were encouraged to be aware of high water in areas when it rains and stay cool in the heat. Final numbers for 4th of July incidents were not available.

DAB: Was a child rescued in the creek near NE Heights area?

A: Yes

Police Report

Officer D. Watson, Patrol North, shared an update on day time SCAT team efforts focused on aggravated assaults, domestic violence assessments are now taking place during 911 calls, and focus for WPD in the next two weeks will be on abortion protest.

DAB: Is there a national spike in violent crime compared to Wichita?

A: Statistics are collected differently across the US.

Citizen: For peaceful protest, who is the point of contact?

A: Chief of Police and/or substations.

Officer A. Tapia, Patrol North, shared an specific times and locations for planned abortion protesters

Library Report

Anne Ethen, Wichita Public Library, shared an update on groundbreaking for new library in downtown area with spring 2018 opening date, enrollment is down in the summer reading program overall but increased in Evergreen and Angelou. Updated events for children were shared.

New Business

2017-2018 Proposed Budget Overview

Elizabeth Goltry, Finance provided a review of the 2017-2018 proposed budget with power point presentation and handouts.

DAB Concerns:

Clarification was provided concerning the transit fund, WPD staffing of officers, and how street maintenance is conducted.

Public Question/Comment:

Citizen: What is the dust control pilot program?

A. It helps treat the dust and reduce the effects of inhaling

Citizen: Where does municipal court fees go?

A. In the "Other Sources" general funds with fees from Century II, Park & Recreation, and Arts.

Citizen: Was illegal dumping discussed in the social media town hall?

A. No, because information was collected during the previous town hall discussions.

Citizen: Is energy efficiency in the budget?

A. Not specifically

Action Taken: Roseboro/Heflin made a motion to receive and file the information. Motion passed 7:0.

Board Agenda

Updates, Issues and Reports

Vice Mayor

- Two bids are up for discussion with the sale of the Hyatt Hotel
- A new hotel is proposed for the downtown area and this can assist with attraction for NCAA tournaments
- Conversations are taking place with health officials concerning prescription drugs, opioids and heroin.
- Update provided from on REAL: Race, Equity and Leadership forum
- Calvary towers update: HUD funding removed. Residents are offered vouchers to move

DAB Members

- Library branch survey will begin this week
- Flooding near NE Height area is still a concern
- No signs on Douglas pertaining to flooding
- Sleepy Hollow parks maintenance is ongoing
- Juneteenth events were great including a day of service with 60 volunteers painting home addresses on 80 curbs

Community Services Representative

- Juvenile Expungement Clinic July 16th hosted by P3-Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Registration available for Wichita's Neighborhood Night Out

Recommended Action: Receive and file

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Roseboro/Thompson, motion passed 6:0.

The next District I Advisory Board meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., September 12, 2016 (due to holiday), at Atwater Neighborhood Resource Center, 2755 E. 19th St. N.

Guests

1. Donald Hogg
2. Janice Rich
3. Nia Simpson
4. Janet Wilson